

having generated the economy of the state. I...the figures that we've had up to this point indicate 30 percent are, granted, to be created because of the incentive, they make a difference. The other 70 percent, at least at this point, we estimate would have been created anyway. So then we can go ahead and provide the incentives and the tax breaks and are thankful for it, and I'm, again, suggesting that we ought to get something back for that, for the generosity of the state to these corporations. Some describe ADC as Aid to Dependent Corporations, and corporate welfare versus personal welfare. That's...that's a situation that occurs when we see that the assistance goes out, but what returns are the kind of jobs that are not the things that we want to see people doing in our state, and one of those areas I just talked about was the illegal aliens. We have a number of people hired through our meat packing plants, and as I said, some of them are illegal aliens, and poorly paid, and poor working conditions, and the question is, is that exactly what we want to be spending our limited tax dollars on? The very time that the Omaha Chamber is giving 15,000 to the Jaksha lid petition, today we are talking about further tax breaks to corporations that are already accumulated an obligation of a billion dollars to the taxpayers of this state through write-offs that have already occurred in the range, I think 300 million have been written off, but another 700 million are still pending over a period of ten to 15 years that we will be paying out at the average rate of 70 to 80 million a year. That's real money, and those losses are felt at the local level as well. So at the very time that the Chamber of Commerce is pushing for limitations on government spending, they are also getting themselves exempted out of paying taxes to those governments. And I think, again, there's got to be some corporate responsibility for meeting the needs of the citizens of the state. It is not just for paying taxes to some degree, not totally wiping them out, as some individuals and some corporations have been able to do, but we have an infrastructure of schools, of roads, of services that allow for us to have a quality of life and the sort of success that our economy and our society has had in this state, and we all have an obligation to share in that, and the largest and the wealthiest of our corporations are able to exempt themselves out through the tax incentive legislation. And all I am asking back at this point on this amendment is that the jobs created be good jobs at decent pay. I don't think that is too much to ask. We talked or we are going to talk, Senator McKenzie had an amendment to